

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION

New claim 38 is added herein. Claims 3-27 and 37-38 are pending and under consideration. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

PRIOR ART REJECTIONS

Using independent claim 12 as an example, this claim recites writing and displaying a program list including program guide information of a channel currently tuned into.

This feature was previously pointed out to the Examiner. In response, the Examiner states that the guide information of Mankovitz is the guide information of all television programs of all channels of all television signal sources. Office Action, p. 2. The Examiner appears to be relying upon column 4, lines 30-33. This portion of the reference is within the discussion of Fig. 2 of Mankovitz, which refers to the format of the guide information within the television signal. It is noted that this portion does not discuss the limits with respect to time of the guide information. The Examiner appears to believe that the guide information may be accessed from any channel at any time. However, it is respectfully submitted there are limits as to when the guide information may be accessed.

Specifically, Fig. 5A of Mankovitz illustrates that guide information is accessed only when the TV monitor is off. Column 8, lines 11-28 discuss another embodiment, in which the viewer may display channels while the VCR 740 scans other television sources. According to this embodiment, the viewer watches one of the television signal sources (i.e., cable, satellite, antenna) and the controller scans the remaining television signal sources. For example, if the viewer is watching satellite, the controller scans through cable for guide information, and if no guide information is found, the controller scans through antenna signals for guide information. However, in this example, the controller would not scan through satellite for guide information. Since Mankovitz does not scan the television signal source of the displayed program, this reference does not teach displaying a program list including program guide information of a channel currently tuned into, as claimed.

While the portion of Mankovitz relied upon by the Examiner may include all channels of all television signal sources, when read in conjunction with column 8 of the reference, all of the channels are not searched at any one time. Instead all of the channels may be searched at

different possible times. In the above example, all of the channels of cable and antenna could be searched, but satellite channels would not. If the user were to change television signal sources, then all of the satellite channels could be searched, but these channels would not include the currently viewed channel.

As for the embodiment of Fig. 5A, since the monitor is not on during searching, even though all of the channels of all of the sources are searched, there would be no currently viewed channel.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

New claim 38 is patentable over the cited reference at least for similar reasons as discussed with respect to independent claim 12.

CONCLUSION

In accordance with the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome and/or rendered moot. And further, that all pending claims patentably distinguish over the prior art. Thus, there being no further outstanding objections or rejections, the application is submitted as being in condition for allowance which action is earnestly solicited. At a minimum, this Amendment should be entered at least for purposes of Appeal as it either clarifies and/or narrows the issues for consideration by the Board.


If the Examiner has any remaining issues to be addressed, it is believed that prosecution can be expedited and possibly concluded by the Examiner contacting the undersigned attorney for a telephone interview to discuss any such remaining issues.

If there are any underpayments or overpayments of fees associated with the filing of this Amendment, please charge and/or credit the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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